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Boy Scout Heroes—Juvenile Order of Knighthood



RAYMOND I. TIFT.

BY JOHN ELMFRET WATKINS.

WE still live in an age of hero worship. But it is one of the promising signs of our time that civilian heroes who save life are coming in for a share of the glory and reward monopolized hitherto by military heroes who take life. Mr. Carnegie, through his "Hero Fund" commission, has lately shown the way toward such a consummation, and now steps into line that vastly multiplying juvenile army of ours, the Boy Scouts of America—300,000 strong—with a similar enterprise for fostering this higher and truer spirit of heroism.

The national council of this juvenile army of peace has authorized an "honor medal" to be conferred upon each Boy Scout for whom it can be proved that he risked his own life to save the life of another from the jaws of the grim death destroyer. But before such a precious decoration can be conferred the evidence of such youthful heroism must be investigated by the court of honor of the local council of Boy Scouts, which may invite experts to share in its examination and recommendations. If the report is then favorable, the facts are next presented to the court of honor of the national council, which is a trimmity composed of Ernest Thompson Seton, chief scout of America; Daniel Carter Beard, national scout commissioner; and James E. West, national scout executive. This supreme tribunal, after carefully weighing the evidence, awards or refuses the honor medal as it sees fit.

To the Boy Scout this new decoration is as precious as is the famed Order of the Garter or of the Golden Fleece to the aristocrat of the old World. By receiving the order upon his breast he becomes one of our youthful knights, and the insignia is a token that he may be depended upon to defend and succor the weak and helpless and to exercise the chivalry of the young knights of old who placed themselves to the defense of women and devotion to their honor and persons.

The Three Grades.

"The honor medal is a national honor," states the new handbook of the organization. "It is the highest award in the Boy Scout system. It is awarded in different degrees. There is the bronze cross, awarded to a scout who has saved life. It is worn suspended from a bar by a red ribbon. Next higher is the silver cross, awarded to a scout who saves life with considerable risk to himself. A blue ribbon holds this to his bar. And the highest and most coveted grade of all is the gold cross, suspended from its bar by a white ribbon.

"This gold cross is the highest possible award for service and heroism. It attests that its wearer 'has saved



VIRGIL CHAMBERS.

life at the greatest possible risk to his own life.

Each of these orders is in the form of a maltese cross, superimposed upon which is the American eagle and shield of the first-class scout's badge. The bar from which the medal is suspended bears the admonition, "Be Prepared." This decoration, in whatever degree awarded, is worn upon the left breast. To date it has been conferred upon twenty-seven young heroes, and I am indebted to Chief Scout Executive West for descriptions of the deeds of valor which have earned them. But before describing some of the more interesting of these rescues it would be well to explain that a considerable space in the official handbook issued to our Boy Scouts is devoted to instruction in first aid to the injured and endangered. Scout masters throughout the country are placing much importance upon the training of their charges in this work, in which the scouts take much pride. Consciousness that in case of emergency they are prepared to help either strangers or those near and dear to whom rescue thrills them with satisfaction.

Remembered "First-Aid" Rules.

This training has enabled several scouts to earn the coveted cross of honor. One of these is Vincent Devanny, of St. Paul. His heroic work has been investigated by a committee of representative men of that city, whose report went up to the national court of honor.

It appears that while Scout Devanny was swimming in Birch Lake, Minn., he heard a companion, Scout Hillman, give a cry for help. Believing that the cry was merely a hoax, Devanny did not respond at first. But upon seeing that the lad went down, Devanny struck out for him. Taking care to protect himself from being death locked by the desperate boy, and thus being pulled to the bottom by him, Devanny, with presence of mind, grasped Hillman by the hair, and after forcing him for sixty feet, got his footing in shoal water. Where he brought up, however, the bottom was filled with soft mud, from which at such step he could lift his feet only with great difficulty. And to make matters worse, the rescued boy was now limp and lifeless, so the brave young scout had to drag him and finally lift him toward shore. "Thus he floundered until he reached the bank, but upon laying his burden down it appeared to be a corpse. It so happened that Devanny had been studying the "first aid" chapter of his manual the day before, and instead of running in panic for aid from a distance, he sat right to work, following his little book of tactics as nearly as he could remember. It was a long and awful suspense, but the brave young scout held on with tenacity, and was at length rewarded by the sight of signs of life in Hillman, who had his companion not studied his little book on the previous day, would have been brought home to his mother a cold corpse.

This first aid training was equally potent in placing the hero's cross upon



EARL CUMMINS.

the breast of Scout Benjamin Barnes, of Ridgewood, N. J. Young Benny was having great sport at Asbury Park, watching his toy sailboat speed in a stiff breeze across the rippling of Deal Lake. Presently a floating object, close to the wake of his prancing craft, caught Ben's eye, and while he kept his gaze upon it he thought he saw a little hand move out of the water near it.

Without another thought he splashed into the big lake, swam with all his might to the grim object, now sinking below the surface, and, taking hold of the fold of a dress, pulled up what proved to be the body of a little girl. He towed the lifeless form to shore with due dispatch, and without seeking assistance, applied the rules for resuscitation which his scout master had taught him. And that he knew his lesson well was demonstrated by the girl's revival from a condition that would have surely resulted in death.

Young Hero of Ice Tragedy.

One of these young heroes enjoys the honor of having had his prized cross pinned upon his thrilled bosom by Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, chief scout of Great Britain, during that notable recent visit to America. The recipient of this special honor was Scout Raymond Isaac Tift, of Sinewa Patrol, Troy, N. Y., and I have from his scout master the following account of his deed thus rewarded.

"November 13, between 3 and 4 P. M., a still, cold day, several boys and young men were playing on the ice on Burden's Pond. The ice was thin and gave way, throwing three young men into the water. These were Fred Bobbs, Richard Will and Roy Bruce. The latter could swim, and got out unaided. When the young men went in Tift seized a shiny stick and crawled out on the thin and broken ice, and, telling the men to be quiet, he handed them the end of the stick. The first man was rescued in this way.

"Then Tift had to go back and get out the second man, who by this time was almost exhausted. Tift had some difficulty in pulling him up on the ice, and almost went in himself. He got thoroughly soaked, caught a very heavy cold, and was confined to his



HAROLD S. WOOD.

house for three weeks as a result of his efforts.

"It was proved to the satisfaction of the Local Court of Honor that Tift took big chances in going on the ice, and that he performed his duty, and undoubtedly saved the lives of both Bobbs and Will. The rescued men were both about eighteen or twenty. The scout is fifteen, a good swimmer."

Rescued a Cripple.

Another remarkable instance of courage rewarded by this new order of merit was that displayed lately by Scout J. Fred Roming, of Baltimore. One the 19th of April the members of his troop, while playing taggers, and one of them, a cripple since birth, who could not swim, got out beyond his depth. A swift current soon caught the helpless child and he was being carried out into the river at a rapid rate. When Roming, dashing from the bank, swam to him with the agility of a fish. But young Fred, after continued effort, found that he was not strong enough to tow the unfortunate ashore. Instead of abandoning the lad by the legs, and after difficult maneuvering, with his own head under water, managed to lift the boy on his shoulders so that the latter's head might be lifted above the surface. This difficult position he maintained until his scout commissioner reached the scene and completed the rescue.

Six other Maryland scouts have lately entered the same category of heroes by performing similar acts of courage. They are: Earl Cummins, of Baltimore, who pulled a swimmer who had gone under three times after having been drawn into a suck hole; Scouts B. Dushane, H. Enser and Bosley Enser, of Mt. Washington, who saved a swimmer by a concerted act of daring; and Gordon Crompton, of Baltimore, who rescued a skater who had fallen through the ice. Scout Gummer swam to the latter victim through freezing water and bravely held him up while other boys, clapping hands, formed a life chain which reached the young rescuer before he became exhausted.

Still older lads who have lately been admitted to the Boy Scouts' hall of fame are: Charles Serres, of Cuero, Texas, who saved a fellow scout from the Guadalupe River; Walter William Waller, of Brooklyn, who with great heroism rescued a drowning boy and a dog from the water; Willie Hoyt, East Bridgewater, Mass., who, supported only by some small twigs and despite his heavy rubber boots, delivered a companion from a watery grave; Virgil Chambers, Barboursville, W. Va., who performed a similar courageous water rescue; and Harold S. Wood, of Crafton, Pa., who courageously saved the life of a nine-year-old companion.

Drowned Hip Under Twice.

One of these plucky scout medalists, although only fifteen, came to the rescue of a grown man at Clayton, N. J.



BOSLEY ENSER.

This was Charles Starr, of Woodbury, in the same State. He hung on despite the fact that the drowning man dragged him under twice.

Then there is a little scout up in Buffalo, J. Alden Daniels, only fourteen, who has won a cross of honor for proving himself an ideal scout in the face of danger and great suffering. After he and a companion had saved William Simmons from death in the Niagara River about a half mile north of Port Erie, Daniels was badly hurt at the time Missie IV, the world's champion motor boat, ran ashore near Riverside Park, in Buffalo. His right leg was so badly crushed that the surgeons were compelled to amputate it below the knee.

In the hospital after the operation he was as brave and as cheerful as ever, and asked his mother to tell his Boy Scout friends not to send him any flowers because he did not wish them to spend the money. He was gritty at all times throughout this awful ordeal and repeatedly said that Boy

Scouts should smile even in suffering.

Four Brave Gopher Scouts.

During the recent State camp at St. Paul of the Boy Scouts of Minnesota the Governor of that Commonwealth pinned upon the breasts of four young heroes crosses awarded by the National Court of Honor.

One of these was a youngster of only thirteen, Glenn Dudley, of St. Cloud, Minn., who bravely saved the life of a swimmer who had been seized with cramps. After swimming to the victim's aid, Scout Dudley brought him to shore, with great personal risk to himself.

Another young scout of St. Cloud decorated by the Governor at the same time was Walter Jerrard, sixteen years old, who gives this modest account of his deed:

"One afternoon I was swimming in the Mississippi River. We had a boom in the river making a forty-five degree angle with the shore line. The far end of the boom was about eighteen feet out. The water was over your head. We had a small pole nailed to the top of the boom, and from there to the shore, thereby holding the log in place.

"I was on the side of the pole away from the boys when I heard the boys on shore yell. Looking around I saw Harry Peterson struggling in the water. I started at once and in diving over the small pole I received a long scratch under my left arm. I reached Harry and with one arm under his arms and around his chest I got him into shallow water, where he was taken by the other boys.

"I think the boy lost confidence in himself, finding he was in water over his head. But he himself could not give any excuse. He was going down for the third time when I reached him."

This testimony was verified to the National Court of Honor by witnesses of the rescue.

The third of these especially honored knights of the Gopher State, George Morris, upon seeing two children, four and six years old, fall from an overturned boat, jumped overboard, swam to their rescue and kept them both afloat at once until assistance came from shore.

Rescued From Falling Cliff.

The remaining member of this plucky quartet is Edward G. Groat, member of the Sioux patrol, Dayton, Minn. Groat lately led his troop on a hike to Battle Creek, a few miles from Dayton, Minn. Here the boys hit upon the idea of damming the creek, and a party of them began to pile stones, while Groat and Floyd Rogers, another scout, went around by a path to a point above the proposed dam. At that point is a jagged cliff, and Groat began to chisel out the soft sandstone just under the path that led down the cliff and lay it run down to the boys below. Rogers came along the path above Groat's head and stepped on the spot that was undermined.



FRED ROMING.

and Groat, seeing the sand cave in, jerked his head back out of danger just in time to see Rogers pitch headlong through the air and straight for the edge of the cliff on which he was sitting.

He screamed, and the falling boy stretched his hand toward him. Groat made a grab at the imperiled boy's arm, and caught him by the wrist with his left hand. At the same time he took hold of a small oak imbedded in the rock and braced himself just in time to prevent his body being jerked over the cliff by the shock. And there, with Rogers's body over the cliff and the companions below gazing in terror at his dangling legs, the pair hung.

But the strain was too much for the oak and it began slowly to pull out by the roots. Groat felt it give, and now followed an awful moment of suspense. But presently the young hero braced his feet against a small projection in the rock and pulled Rogers upon the cliff just as the tree gave way. Then, after a short rest, they gradually made their way down the path.

If there be better stuff than is in these youngsters, verily, it will be hard to find! (Copyright, 1912, by John Elfreth Watkins.)

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